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1. DEPARTURE MELVIN HARRISON ON MAY 23 AND PROPOSED DIRECT TRANSFER KENNETH MAFFIA ON/ABOUT JULY 15 LEAVES SAIGON'S SECURITY BRANCH MINUS TWO TRAINED OFFICERS AND IS A 50 PER CENT REDUCTION IN ON-BOARD COMPLEMENT STRENGTH. WHAT ARE THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS FOR REPLACEMENTS?

2. BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM, A SECURITY OFFICER DUTY ROSTER IS MAINTAINED WHICH ASSIGNS THE OFFICERS ON A ROTATION BASIS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CALLS BETWEEN 1800 THE DAY OF HIS/HER DUTY UNTIL 0800 THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THIS MEANS THAT FROM JULY 15 GARRETT AND MORTON ARE ON 12-HOUR CALL EVERY OTHER DAY IN ADDITION TO THE TIME IN EXCESS OF 40 HOURS SPENT ON OFFICIAL WORK. THE EMBASSY IS MOST CONCERNED THAT THE SECURITY BRANCH MIGHT BE SEVERELY UNDER-STAFFED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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